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SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF PREPCON REF: A SECTO 2017, B CARACAS 5853

1. JULIO GIL, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF
STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PEREZ
GUERRERO, INFORMED DCM THAT PEREZ GUERRERO HAD
DECIDED TODAY (JUNE 6) THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT
FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ANY TIME FROM NOW THRU JUNE 21.
GIL EXPRESSED PEREZ GUERRERO'S VIEW THAT US/GOV POSITIONS NOW
"APPEARED TO BE CLOSE" AND THAT THIS WAS " INTERESTING
TIME FOR FRUITFUL DISUCSSIONS". GIL BELIEVED THAT
ONE DAY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE TALKS.

2. THERE APPEARS TO BE A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESPONSE (REF B) TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A) AND PEREZ GUERRERO'S APPROACH. WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S RESPONSE WAS FRIENDLY, IT WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON THE SUBJECT OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT, I.E. "IT WILL BE PLEASING FOR US ON A SUBSEQUENT OCCASION TO RECEIVE UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON IF IT SHOULD BE NECESSARY TO COORDINATE IMPRESSIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL CONTREXT OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED NATIONS AND NON-DEVELOPED NATIONS." IT IS APPARENT THA THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER, WHICH IS DATED JUNE 4, WAS PREPARED PRIOR TO THE TIME OF PEREZ GUERRERO'S DECSION. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY MATTERS CONFIDENTIAL

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IS SEVERELY CIRCUMSCRIBED BY LACK OF SPECIALIZED STAFF AND

THAT PEREZ GUERRERO HAS A MUCH MORE DECISIVE VOICE ON THESE MATTERS.

3. IF WE ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING DOWN TO CASES WITH THE GOV EARLY ON THIS IS CLEARLY THE OPPORTUNITY. (WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS RELATED TO PEREZ GUERRERO'S DESIRE FOR A TIGHT TIMETABLE IN THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE-- CARACAS 5603). NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO WELCOME A VISIT FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WITH ITS ATTENDANT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF MATTERS ON THE BILATERAL AGENDA HERE. THE JUNE 18-19 VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FOR THE UNDERSECRETARY. SHLAUDEMAN

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